Norfolk Community Services Board

City Council Informal Session January 24, 2012



Purpose and Overview

- Provide City Council with recommendations regarding the structure and operations of Norfolk Community Services Board (CSB)
 - Overview of CSB Workgroup composition, Workgroup mandate, and recommendations
 - Options and Administration's recommendation for the CSB structure
 - Issues to consider moving forward
 - Recommended next steps

Workgroup Composition

Member	Affiliation
Dr. Paul Chidester	V.P. Medical Affairs, Sentara
Charles "Chuck" A. Hall	Director, Hampton-Newport News CSB
Dr. Jack Lanier	Director, Richmond Behavioral Health Authority
Michael D. O'Connor, L.C.S.W.	Director, Henrico Area Mental Health& Development Services Board
Major Michael O'Toole	Community Corrections, Norfolk Sheriff's Office
Suzanne Puryear	President, The Planning Council
John Sanderlin	Norfolk City Auditor
Dr. Russ Evett	Past Chair, Norfolk CSB
Maureen Womack	Director, Norfolk CSB
Marcus D. Jones	Norfolk City Manager

Workgroup Requested to Evaluate

- The best organizational structure for CSB within the options provided under state law
- The structure for delivery of services by the CSB to ensure an efficient, well-managed, integrated and responsive system
- CSB's ability to adapt to changing roles as determined by the state and federal governments
- Recommendations that position CSB for the future

Workgroup Decision-Making Model

- The workgroup agreed they would **not** focus on whether one CSB structure is better than another structure
- Addressing the relationship between the CSB and the local government was the most important issue
 - The CSB structure was considered to be a local decision
 - The Workgroup provided insight on CSB's changing roles and recommendations for the future

Key Workgroup Recommendations

Establish a General Agreement

 Clearly describe the separate and mutual roles, responsibilities, powers and duties of the City and CSB

Enhance the Performance Contract process

- Hold an annual discussion and review of the CSB Performance Contract
- This meeting between the City Council and the Board should occur prior to approving the contract and forwarding the contract to the state

Key Workgroup Recommendations (cont.)

Examine City Code and Board Composition

- The City should ensure that the Norfolk City Code is up-todate as it relates to the CSB
- □ The City Manager should have a representative on the Board and the Council should consider if it would desire to have one member on the Board
- The City Council should talk with Board members about the skills that are needed for any vacant positions on the Board

Workgroup Recommendations for the Future

- The Workgroup considered advice provided by the Director of Community Contracting, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services:
 - Integration of behavioral health and primary health care will be critical to effective delivery of behavioral health care in the future
 - More effective coordination and integration of services with other City agencies will be vital for supporting the recovery, empowerment, and self-determination of individuals with behavioral health or developmental needs
 - Develop strategies to deal with Medicaid managed behavioral health care changes

Administration View-Board Structure

- While the Workgroup decided that it would not recommend a specific board structure, the board structure is an issue that must be addressed
- The Administration agrees with the Workgroup that there is no "universally accepted" board structure
 - □ The board structure should be designed to meet the needs of the locality and the consumers receiving services

Types of CSB Structures

- Operating Board: directly provides services, through its own staff
- Administrative-Policy Board: sets policy for service delivery, services provided through local government staff
 - City of Portsmouth is structured as a Policy-Advisory Board (PAB),
 which has no operational powers or duties
 - City of Richmond is structured as a Behavioral Health Authority (BHA)

Virginia CSB Structures

Operating Board		Administrative Policy	Others*
Alleghany Highlands	■ Middle Peninsula-	■ Alexandria	■ Portsmouth
■ Blue Ridge	Northern Neck	■ Arlington	■ Richmond
■ Central Virginia	■ Mount Rogers	■ Chesapeake	
Colonial	New River Valley	■ Chesterfield	
Crossroads	Norfolk City	■ Fairfax-Falls Church	
■ Cumberland Mt.	Northwestern	■ Hanover County	
■ Danville-Pittsylvania	■ Piedmont	■ Henrico Area	
■ Dickenson County	■ Planning District One	■ Loudoun County	
■ District 19	■ Rappahannock Area	■ Prince William County	
■ Eastern Shore	■ RappaRapidan	■ Virginia Beach	
■ Goochland-Powhatan	■ Region Ten		
Hampton-Newport News	Rockbridge Area		
Harrisonburg-Rockingham	Southside		
Highlands	■ Valley		
	■ Western Tidewater		

^{*} Richmond's BHA most closely resembles an Operating CSB. Portsmouth's (PAB) functions in an advisory capacity only.

Options for Norfolk

- Options for CSB
 - □ Option 1: Keep Operating Board structure intact and utilize the recommendations from the Workgroup.
 - Option 2: Initiate dialogue with localities to explore creating or expanding a multi-jurisdictional CSB
 - Option 3: Change CSB designation to Administrative-Policy Board and convert staff to City employees

Administration's Recommended Option

- Change CSB designation to Administrative-Policy Board and convert staff to City employees
- Implementation options include:
 - Establish the CSB as a stand alone department reporting to the City Manager
 - Establish the CSB as a division within the current Department of Human Services (reporting to the City Manager)
 - □ Focus on a comprehensive service delivery model (across departments) and establish a new comprehensive department incorporating other City involvement in community services

Issues to Consider Moving Forward

- Customers/Clients
 - Enhanced service delivery model
 - Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant
- City Code
 - Determine all code changes needed for integration
- Risk Liability
 - Need to assess the City's responsibility for physician liability
- Real estate
 - Need to assess all holdings and current agreements

Issues to Consider Moving Forward (cont.)

- Legal and financial issues will require additional evaluation
 - City Attorney's office provides legal services for the CSB
 - Review all agreements and contracts
 - Need to determine the financial condition
- Administrative and personnel issues
 - Come with initial challenges

However Retirement Benefits Differ

- City employees are in a Defined Benefit plan
- CSB employees are in a Defined Contribution plan
 - □ Issues such as these must be fully vetted and presented to City Council and the Board prior to asking for a final approval of a new CSB structure

City and CSB Share Services

Administrative Services	Shared
Healthcare Consortium	Yes
Human Resources (HR) – Policies, procedures, hiring, and terminations	No
Financial system	Yes
Financial – procurement/RFP support	Yes
Financial administration and reporting	No
Information Technology (IT) – email and network	Yes
IT – Hardware and software purchase and licensing	No
Fleet – vehicle titling	Yes
Fleet – Purchases and insurance	No

Recommended Next Steps

- Utilize expertise of City Manager's work group to assess issues that may arise in the new recommended structure
 - Establish a joint workgroup between City staff and CSB staff this week to begin the evaluation process
- Fully vet outstanding issues during the next 30 days
 - Include an actuarial analysis of the impact on retirement
- Present an interim update to the City Council and Board at the February 7, 2012 joint meeting

Recommended Next Steps (cont.)

- Present a final update with a proposed ordinance at the February 28, 2012 City Council meeting
- Establish a date (immediate or July 1, 2012) for the beginning of the CSB transition

Recommended Next Steps (cont.)

- Consider the proper timing to incorporate the following:
 - A financial audit of the CSB by an independent firm
 - An independent audit by the City Auditor to address personnel and administrative issues that have been raised during this review process
 - An independent audit from the state office of Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to ensure all federal and state requirements are followed during and after the transition period

Desired Outcomes

- Enhance service delivery
- Ensure new organization is well managed
- Ensure new structure addresses City Council and resident needs
- Coordinate and integrate services with community partners
 - Reduce redundancies
- Minimize impact on CSB employees